

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0121**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 23, 2019

### **Approval for Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Funds from the Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. According to the 2017 Point-in-Time Count for the County of Sacramento, 3,665 persons within the County of Sacramento, including approximately 1,779 who are within the City of Sacramento (“City”), are homeless. This population includes veterans, women children, persons with disabilities, seniors, and other vulnerable groups. The number of people experiencing homelessness is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter.
- B. Homelessness is one of the biggest issues facing the City, and the City Council has made significant investments over the past years to increase services, shelter capacity and housing supports for people experiencing homelessness. Despite these efforts, homelessness is on the rise, and is affecting communities throughout the City and the County of Sacramento.
- C. Former Governor, Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness.
- D. In June of 2018, Governor Brown signed SB 850, which allocated over \$553 million in one-time State funding for two new programs: the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH). On October 16, 2018, the City Council approved a collaborative investment plan for the HEAP and CESH programs and authorized the City to submit an application for the City HEAP allocation to the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) no later than December 31, 2018. On November 8, 2018, the City declared a shelter crisis, effective on December 1, 2018 as required to apply for funding.

- E. The HEAP program offers a unique opportunity to access funding from the State of California to address local needs related to homelessness, including public health related mitigation, and to collaborate with Sacramento County, Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), and other cities in the county to develop a true county-wide response to homelessness.
- F. On December 11, 2018, Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the HEAP Standard Agreement with the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) to receive and administer \$5,645,700 in grant funding, and to execute and submit the supporting documents and various reports for the implementation of HEAP.
- G. As part of the October 16, 2018 approvals, the Council authorized the City to assume administrative responsibilities for the portions of the CoC HEAP funds supporting youth programs and adult sheltering programs.
- H. Under the approved collaboration of the City, Sacramento County and Sacramento Steps Forward, the City anticipates receiving \$1,760,048 under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant from Sacramento Steps Forward, the lead agency for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program (CoC) in the County of Sacramento. The administering agency, BCSH requires that all programs funded under HEAP must be in compliance with Housing First principles.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute the HEAP Subrecipient Agreement with Sacramento Steps Forward, receive and administer \$1,760,048 in HEAP funding, and execute and submit supporting documents and various reports for the implementation of HEAP.
- Section 2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to establish revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$1,760,048 for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (G02000820) in Operating Grants (Fund 2702) to support the City's HEAP implementation.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on April 23, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer,  
Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: **Mindy Cuppy** Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy  
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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

*The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.*